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I oppose Proposal 13 which seeks authority to restrict fruit shipped to market destinations.

If a Republican administration cannot support and encourage a "free market" economy, who will? The marketing orders create cartels and protections that are completely inappropriate and unnecessary - except to those farm "winners" in control of the cartel. Please act in favor of free markets and freedom of choice to consumers.

Let consumers have freedom of choice. The government should not tell us what we can buy. As long as fruit is healthy, mature, and nutritious, the government should not restrict it. Restricting choice can only mean higher prices for consumers. The poor will be harmed most by such restrictions. It would be illegal for any other industry to dictate transactions between willing buyers and sellers, so USDA should not allow that authority in the fruit industry.

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